



BLETCHINGDON PAROCHIAL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 28th September 2018 Week 4

Dear Families

We've had a lovely week; Owls have created the most amazing dragon eggs and have learnt to use tension and suspense in their writing... Woodpeckers have learnt about the different parts of a mediaeval castle as part of their work on fairy tales and Robins have been on a LION HUNT! Kingfishers are now all *Stone Age Experts* having created cave paintings and written historically accurate stories. And...in the office we are all getting back to normal after the internet problem, but huge thanks again to Jackie for working so hard to get us back on track.

We now have a twitter account . To follow us either go to twitter.com @bletchprimary or go to the school homepage where you will find our latest tweets.

Mrs Karen Donaghey
Headteacher

No Pens Day

No Pens Day is on Wednesday 3rd October. This is an event that schools sign up to and is run by the Communication Trust. The idea is for schools to spend the whole day focussing on speaking and listening activities. These might be drama, practical maths or science, debating, reading and telling stories. All are activities that develop communication skills and widen vocabulary. Please talk to your child about the day. As this is a new thing for Bletchingdon and I'd be grateful for your feedback. More information can be found at:

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

Open Day

On Tuesday 9th October we are holding an open day for prospective parents. There will be tours at 10am and 1.30pm. Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested in a place.

Coming in

The children continue to be very good at coming in independently in the morning and settling themselves. This really does make for a positive start to learning. Owl Class parents could start to drop at the gate in the mornings if you don't already. We always have someone there to see them in (thank you TC) and it is a really good start for the transition process to secondary school. If you need to see their teacher urgently please do come and speak to us or make an appointment via the office.

Ambitions

We have been talking to all the children about what they hope to be when they are a grown-up and everyone is completing a leaf or a flower for our 'growing-up tree.' We will be having some visitors in school assemblies to talk about their jobs. If you would like to come and talk to the children about your job or know someone who would be good please come and talk to me.

Year 6 transfer to secondary – the deadline is approaching.

Parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2019. Parents should apply directly at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions Parents unable or unwilling to apply online can complete the [secondary application form](#) by hand; this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions team or hand delivered to county Hall. However parents are advised to apply online where possible as this is the most secure method. The deadline for all applications is 31 October 2018

Fundraising

Stuart & Jack two of our sports coaches are running the Oxford Half Marathon, fundraising for JDRF who fund research into type 1 diabetes. Please read their page on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/club-energy23>

CLUBS

Teacher led clubs start next week. Please note that there will be no clubs on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October because of Parent meetings. Sign-up sheets will be available from Monday 8th.

Breakfast Club is still very quiet! We need 5/6 children to make it work, please let us know if you would like a place or we will have to consider closing it. Cost is £3.50 from 7.45am-8.30am and includes a drink and cereal bar. Please speak to Jackie.

PTA NEWS

Tesco in Kidlington have included our fund raising for the Sensory Garden – more on this soon in their Blue Token Scheme if you shop in Tesco please look out for us.

Tuesday 16 October – Annual General Meeting (AGM) straight after school by the climbing frame (all welcome – voting in new chair)

Tuesday 30 October – meet and greet the PTA – hear about your PTA, what we have planned and what we need your help with

NEW DATE Saturday 24th November – Pamper Evening – time tbc, venue Bletchington Village Hall

IMPORTANT DATES	
Wednesday 3 rd October	No Pens Day
Tuesday 9 th October	OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 10am & 1:30pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 16 th 17 th October	Parent-Teacher meetings
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Celebration in the hall
HALF TERM 22-26 OCTOBER	
Monday 29 th October	INSET
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need fundraising-wear spots and bring a donation.
Tuesday 11 th December	Nativity
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24 DECEMBER -4 JANUARY	
Tuesday 22 nd January	All Bletch Read followed by Parent and carer school lunch
Monday 11 th February	Maths Day
HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th April	Easter Bonnets and Eggstravaganda
EASTER HOLIDAY 8-22 APRIL	
Week beginning 13 th May	SATS week KS2
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y6 to Marlborough
Tuesday 18 th June	Y6 to Marlborough
HALF TERM 27-31 MAY	
Wednesday 10 th July	End of year production Matinee
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 to Marlborough
Friday 12 th July	End of year production Evening
Week beginning 15 th July	Sport, Fitness and Health week
Friday 19 th July	Sports Celebration
Wednesday 24 th July	Goodbye Assembly
SUMMER HOLIDAY	

Finally don't forget the wonderful Bletch Café- the food is delicious.

Bletch Café



Wednesdays
9.30pm -12.30pm



Bring your loyalty card!



What's on offer?

- Homemade cakes, bacon rolls, savoury items soup
- Costa Coffee, tea etc. all at good value prices.
- Free use of newspapers, magazines and board games plus colouring pens and books for kids.
- Come and join us and catch up on village life and meet new friends

Funded by the Bletchingdon Community Foundation and Bletchington Charity

CENSUS DAY – Next Thursday 4th October

Apologies for the late notification but we do have a change of menu next Thursday 4th October as it is our CENSUS DAY where we do try and encourage as many pupils (especially those in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) to enjoy a school lunch. The more that have meals the extra funding the school receives.

Instead of Jacket Potato or Macaroni Cheese the menu will be :

***Beef Burger in a bun with Tomato Sauce
or
Veggie Burger in a bun with Tomato Sauce***

Egg & Cress Wrap

Potato Wedges & Corn on the Cob

Please see Jackie on Monday if your child (who doesn't normally have a school lunch) would like one on this day.